

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
OCTOBER 17, 2012**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #016A-13	Payroll	\$	67,939.26
Warrant #016B-13	Vendor bills	\$	265,580.49

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Board read voluntary recalls from Kellogg's, JagRma, LLC, and Tyson Foods, Inc.

Comcast will be making changes to grandfathered former AT&T cable packages effective November 14th. Notifications will be sent to customers beginning October 12th. For more information residents can call (866) 215-9848 or visit their website at www.comcast.com.

Chris Moudling, Race Director of Manheim New England personally thanked the Town and the residents for the generous support for the 4th Annual Dighton Run for Heroes 5K that was held on September 8th. The event raised a little over \$2,000.00 for Homes for Our Troops that will be used on different housing projects to help improve the quality of life for severely disabled veterans all over the country.

Senator John Kerry will hold additional office hours at Dighton Town Hall on Thursday, October 18th from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

FEMA has a Flood Study Review Meeting scheduled for October 31, 2012 from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM at the City Hall, Fall River, MA.

The Board has sharps disposal containers for sale for Dighton residents only at the office (\$3.00 Qt/\$6.00 Gal) and once full, they can be brought back to the Board of Health for proper disposal at no additional cost.

Review/Discuss/Act: Review Costs Incurred for the Contaminated Land at the Highway Garage

Expenses for the removal of contaminated land and tanks currently total \$140,000.00. Said increase is due to the additional tanks (containing water) found in the front of the property. It was noted that said expenditure does not include the cost to close the site.

Discuss Board of Health Matters relating to Somerset Woods, LLC Ch 40B Application

Attorney Robert Fredericks and Ron Medeiros (Applicant) appeared before the Board to review Board of Health matters relative to the 40B application filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Said project consists of 200 unit apartment buildings that will be maintained by a property management company. The Board's immediate concern is entering and exiting onto Route 138, as well as, traffic congestion having a school bus stop at said corner. Atty. Fredericks noted that with the 600 foot frontage, it will give the developer the liberty to provide a shelter for the school children. Further it was determined that a second entrance will be required, therefore, it should help disperse the traffic within the development.

Another concern presented to the Applicant was the stormwater drainage and what type of groundwater infiltration system will be used. It was noted that the land surrounding the property consists of wetlands, therefore, a meeting is being arranged with the Conservation Commission to discuss the matter. The Applicant was advised that a stormwater permit will not be required as the authority will fall with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Once more input is received from various Boards, it is expected revisions to the plans will be made and presented, at which time, more details of the stormwater run off will be included.

Review/Discuss/Act: Ambulance Write Off request

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Antone Roderick, Jr., to write off an ambulance payment due to hardship. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve a \$200.00 ambulance write off due to hardship.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Expansion of Board of Selectmen

The Board expects to present a Warrant Article seeking permission to increase the Board of Selectmen/Health from a 3 member board to a 5 member board at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 29th. It was noted that the additional member request will assist in Board of Health matters, that said process could take approximately 8 months and that if approved by the Town it then must be approved by legislature.

Review/Discuss/Act: Status of Land from Dighton Power for Police Station

Attorney Marguerite Mitchell appeared before the Board to present a status update of the land donation from Dighton Power. It was noted that two lots will need to be joined as one and discussion ensued to "square off" the land. It was noted that the only land being obtained is the land that was approved at the Special Town Meeting of October 24, 2011. At this time, the legal description of the land needs to be finalized by an engineer and a land surveyor.

Review/Discuss/Act: Conservation Land Purchase Request

The Board received a request from the Conservation Commission to purchase property on Pleasant Street from Bruce Kingsley. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, second: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the purchase of 2.5 acres of land on Pleasant Street (Assessor's Map 24, Lot 0053A) in the amount of \$4,400.00 from Bruce Kingsley by the Conservation Commission.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Gary Sanson appeared before the Board seeking to dedicate the Briggs Street Bridge to longtime resident and WWII Veteran Clint Rose. Mr. Rose passed away a few weeks ago and Mr. Sanson would like to hold the dedication on Veterans Day. Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, agreed to install the appropriate sign which was purchased by Mr. Sanson. Mr. Sanson will contact Dighton's Veterans Agent, Jack Torres for additional assistance.

Executive Session (MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a))

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to enter into Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)) for purposes of pending status litigation regarding Roderick vs. Board of Selectmen (3) and preliminary consideration regarding application of employment for legal counsel (8) at 8:31 PM.

Vote:	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to return to open session at 10:19 PM.


Vote:	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to adjourn at 10:19 PM.

Vote:	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:


10/24/12
